

## Spirit of Prophecy

(Rev 19:10) <sup>10</sup>And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

John’s response to Prophetic Angel

prophecy should never cause us to exalt anyone but Jesus

prophecy should always carry the Testimony of Jesus (love, redemption in Him)

Prophets desire Alignment with Heaven (Elijah on Mt Carmel – 1 Ki 18)

Prophetic Personality tends toward black & white (not necessarily prophetic gifting)

Misconception: prophecy is for correction (2 Tim 3:16)

Prophets who do not pursue Love and Humility will do more harm than good.

(1Co 13:2) <sup>2</sup>And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

(1Co 8:1) We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

(2Co 12:7) <sup>7</sup>And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

the Spirit of Prophecy is more about our Heart than our Gifting

(1Co 14:24-25) <sup>24</sup>But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. <sup>25</sup>And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

this is not sins being revealed (violates Mt 18)

(1Sa 9:19) <sup>19</sup>Samuel answered Saul and said, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart.”

(1Sa 10:1, 5-6) <sup>1</sup>Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: “Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance?...<sup>5</sup>”After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. <sup>6</sup>“Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.”

Secrets of our Hearts are hidden treasure we don’t clearly see or lack confidence in

**Prophecy doesn’t focus on what we aren’t, but call us to who we are in Him** (worship)

ex: 1<sup>st</sup> time hearing God, 1<sup>st</sup> public prophecy (1985), visiting prophet

(2Co 5:16-20) <sup>16</sup>Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Prophecy calls others to their new spiritual identity through redemption in Him.

Prophetic Ambassadors vs Messengers – practical implications (protocol)

(1 Thes 5:20) immature prophecy

(1Co 14:1) <sup>1</sup>Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

Why?

(1Co 14:3) <sup>3</sup>But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Purpose of Prophecy is to build up, provoke faith, create confidence.

Bob Hartley “Go in Priests, come out Prophets.” (Ambassadorial)

God will help anyone prophecy who develops a heart of encouragement.